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REMARKS

Claims 11 and 14-16 stand rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent application publication No. US2005/0259315 A1 (hereinafter referred to as Debut) in view of US Pat. No. 6,721,481 (hereinafter referred to as Terahara). Applicant is appreciative of the recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 17-20, and also in claims 12-13. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and allowance of all pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.


Objected-to claims 12 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form, as suggested in the Office Communication. Claims 14-16 have been amended to indicate their dependency from independent claim 12. New claims 21-23 recite the same structural and/or operational relationships as dependent claims 14-16, except that such claims respectively indicate their dependency from independent claim 13. Accordingly, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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